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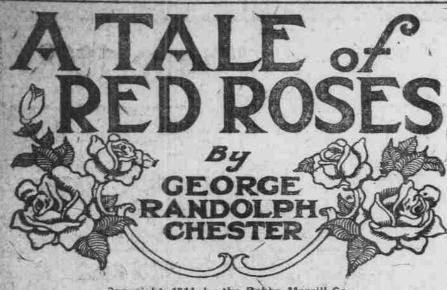
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mingled with the diners-for a mo-

ng room chairs.

today who did it.



Copyright, 1914, by the Bobbs-Merrill Ca-"Uh-hunh!" grunted Sledge.

elation that night.

"That would probably bring the He arranged for Tommy and stock up to par," judged Coldman. self to take the girls out to see the "Can't tell," commented Sledge. new waterworks plant on the follow-"Is there any trouble about renewal ing day and to witness as balcony pa-

which looked like a glass hickory nut.

"But, Mr. Sledge, I can't accept this,"

her heavily. "You're to be my wife."

she earnestly assured him

"Why?" he again rumbled.

He looked at it reproachfully.

"Hunh!" he commented.

live thing as it lay in her palm.

battery, and she jerked back her

Between them they dropped the din-

"Where did this drop from?"

Three days later the necklade came

antics gave both Melly and Fern more

fun than they had ever known.

In the meantime, while Sledge and

cate came to town on schedule.

into Marley's loans. Also, he looked

up the matter of the franchises. The

been twice renewed for ten year pe-

riods, its present renewal having three

that you were to stay away from him,"

Sledge will do something destructive.

He has it in for me and will wipe me

"I'll make it \$34 a share, and you see him afterward," offered Marley.

"Now, I'm bound to see him,"

clared Mr. Coldman, who was a wiry

little man, of great energy and de-

Coldman's Interview with Sledge

was brief, concise and satisfactory,

and he began by stating exactly who

"We're looking for street car bar-

gains," he explained, "and we've been

advised that stock in the Ring City

street railway is well worth picking

up at its present price. Do you think

"Uh-hunh!" grunted Sledge. "None

there's some talk of consolidation."

he was and whom he represented.

filedge about this franchise."

have to see what he can do."

right off the man."

cover my tracks."

for sale, though.

opany had been given originally a

y Reeler picked it up.

tering and would not be still.

peach, though, ain't it?"

look than his words.

of good taste.

couldn't be real!

of franchises?" inquired Coldman, pontrons on the following night a barn dering deeply upon whether Sledge was dance of the West End club. He planned a Country club dinner for the day in seeming so. "Guess not," said Sledge. "I got a

after, and then reaching nonchalantly into his waistcoat pocket he dropped date," and he went to keep it, wearing the of champagne in the pantry, and, into Molly's lap a glittering bauble, his gray gloves and his red rosebud "Take that down to Duvay's and with such complacency as almost to inhave it fitted to your finger," he diduce Phil to give up his job. Marley went home intoxicated with She picked it up incredulously, It

"Why, it's a diamond!" she gasped as it lay flashing and gleaming in her morrow, and be as open about it as nection with many odds and ends of hand, and she saw the perfect cutting you like. Tomorrow I lift the mortand wonderful fire of it. The realizagage on this house and sell it to Murdtion startled her so that she almost stone, who has offered to buy it as soon as I can give it to him unencum-"It had better be or somebody goes bered. I have already sold my stock to jail," he informed her. "That rock and Bert's, including the amusement set me back the price of a house and park; have delivered it, and here is the

"I/told you we would win!" exulted "Why not?" he demanded, studying Molly and ran with the news to Fern. "I'm sorry," confessed that young She was panie stricken more by his lady. "The fun's all over."

"It was fun, wasn't it?" admitted "It's too large for a ring, for one thing," she evaued. Molly, startled to find that she almost regretted the ending of it. "You still have Tommy, though.'

She decided to leave out the question "No," denied Fern, "I'll have to put Tommy in my pretty little blue car and You couldn't put a glove over ft,' send them back together. Poor Sledge!" "Here's where he gets the first blow," sighed Molly, "You have to go up and "It's s phone him that I'm ill and can't see

him tonight nor tomorrow." Here was a proposition on which she "Coward!" hissed Fern, in mock could heartly agree.
"It's a beauty—a marvel!" she enthutragedy and went in to telephone. She came back slowly. "Poor fellow!" she

slastically told him, ashamed, in some said. "Honestly, it's a shame, Molly." gree, that she so much admired the Molly herself was rather listless. She was standing in front of a buge vase She handed it over to him, and as his containing Sledge's latest consignment palm touched hers she felt the tingle of red roses. She broke off one of the of him for the first time. It was as if most perfect specimens and pinned it the had inadvertently touched an elec- at her belt.

"Poor fellow!" she agreed; then her eyes snapped. "I'm going to make him send me his dog."

nd and it rolled under Fern's chair. "I wouldn't dare," declared Fern. "I'd feel miserable every time he bark-"Swell pebble, Ben," he approved ed. I wonder what Sledge will do to-and poured it into Fern's hand, where it lay glittering and glittering and glit-

CHAPTER XVI.

Ob, you darling!" Fern murmured Interesting News For the Big Boy. Present for Molly," explained Sledge LEDGE did what any other fool lover would have done. He teldy. "Too big for a ring. Can't ephoned three times that evenpull a glove over it. I'm goana have it ing to see how Molly was, and when he went home he drove two miles take from him his motherless Molly, ters, and they are trying to find out out of the way to pass the house. He and he tried to quell the fear for her out, but by that time Molly had given was equally solicitious the next morn- which arose in him. Moreover, Bert up all hope of heading Sledge off. The ing and handled his business with sinonly thing she could do, she resolved. gular lack of concentration. The last ed before him, and he was not quite in a hilarious conference with Fern. two weeks had made him more slavish- ready for it now that the time had would be to accept temporarily any ly in love, with Molly than ever, and come. He was an old man, he realcrazily extravagant gift he showered upon her. After the need for fooling he missed her as a morphine fiend does | ized, and it is a dangerous matter to his "dope."

was over she could send them Coldman dropped in to see him at 2 back, and this resolution, once having o'clock. been formed, the girls spent much

"I want to talk consolidation with time in eager expectation of what the you, Mr. Sledge," he offered, sitting next-surprise might be. Sledge was at smilingly in the visitor's chair. least making the game exciting, and "What consolidation?" asked Sledge. his perfectly mad, but equally earnest,

"The street railway companies. We have just purchased the controlling interest in the company now operative." Sledge turned on him a slow glance. his cheerful co-worker, Tominy Reeler, "From Frank Marley?" he demanded.

were keeping the girls busy day and "From Frank Marley," repeated Coldnight, the preparations for the secret man pleasantly, looking as if he exwedding went steadily on, as did the pected to be applauded for his enterbusiness preparations of Bert and Frank Mariez. Thanksgiving day approached, and things began to focus

"You're up against it," Sledge warned him. "Did you pay?" themselves in the Marley home. The "Gave Marley my check yesterday representative of the up state syndi-

afternoon. "Today's a holiday," advised Sledge. spent three days in going over the books of the company and examining "Better stop payment."
"I don't understand," faltered Cold-

vised Sledge. twenty year city charter, which had "I'm not stung," announced Coldman

emphatically. "Our people don't take a "It looks like the regular thing," he chance on getting in wrong. That check can be stopped." "Go to it," ordered Sledge and punck-ed the bell. "Where's Bendix?" he de-

said to Marley. "I'm satisfied to give you thirty-six straight through for your stock, take up your loans and al- manded of Adolph. "Don't know. Want him?" low you the difference in value; but, "Quick!" ordered Sledge. "Why

before I do business, I'll have to see didn't you tell me you was after control? Now you den't get anything." "It was part of our understanding "I get out-that's one cinch!" stated Coldman, rising and looking at his insisted Marley. "If your presence and your errand here are known, watch.

"How?" asked Sledge. "That's my affair. I'd be a sucker to lay myself liable by an admission of

the knowledge. "He might have it in for me, and I "I want to know," persisted Sledge "I want to be sure of it."

"You're gumning for Marley," sarmised Coldman. "Sure I am!" agreed Sledge. "I don't want you stung. How do you craw??"

cisiveness. - "Don't you worry. He "Do I get back in after it's all won't connect me with you. I've been straightened out?" "You can have a chunk of it." in this game too long not to be able to

Coldman surveyed him thoughtfully. "They do say you stick to a promise like that," he mused. "Well, two weeks ago I had a written authority to make contracts, conclude business and write checks, in the name of fay corporation. Day before yesterday that authority was revoked. We al-

ways do that." Bendin came in. "Marley got out from under," Sledge "Why?"

"So the wedding could come of," "It does seem to be scarce," admitted returned Bendix, with an involuntery Coldman. "Still, we'll take what we glance at the red rose boutonniers. can get if it looks good. I understand "The wedding." repeated Sledge. Farmer Wants Cent a Word there's some talk of consolidation."

"I wish I was," replied Bendix, showing, for the first time, his knowledge of how important all this was to the big boy. "Molly and Bert Glider are to be married right off the bat." No man had ever seen Sledge pale before. "When?" he wheezed.

"Right away. This afternoon! They're being married now!" Although there were to be no guests at the Marley wedding, the house was naturally in a state of much tensity as the time approached. Molly, for two hours before the minister was to arrive, was engaged in the finishing touches of her toilet, which was fully as elaborate, though not so conven tional, as if the function was to be the most formal one possible, and her boudoir, from one end to the other.

was clattered with fluffy finery, with tollet accessories, with two maids and Fern Burbank, the three latter articles being in a state closely bordering on hysterla. Downstairs Bert Glider wandered from room to room feeling more in the

way than if he were an unbidden guest at somebody else's wedding, his only human companion being an occasional remarkably frank or remarkably adept | contact with the thin legged butler, who, under the excitement of the occasion, had opened a surreptitious bothis new Prince Albert and his silk hat, there being plenty of room in his intellect, had succumbed to the inevitahle gloom of the occasion.

The most busily occupied one of all, however, was Frank Marley, who from immediately after breakfast, had "Molly, girl, we've won!" he announced himself in his den, where ed. "Go shead with your wedding toensconced himself in his den, where local business and social institutions. writing checks and friendly notes all the morning.

He even had his lunch brought in to him, for, truth to tell, he preferred rather to be alone than to be with Bert on this particular day. He felt somehow as if he could never be quite



"Right away. This afternoon! They're being married now!"

represented the new lite which stretchuproot old trees. He had lived the best years of his life in this city, had worked here, and had married here. and had built up his fortunes here, and here had occupied a position of some honor and respect. And, try as he would, he could not look with too much confidence upon achieving the same thing as a stranger in a strange place.

It was all wrong, he told himself, and he would not even be properly PROBATE COURT, thankful for the crumb of luck which he had wrested from the bygone feast in his pocket he had the check which removed him from the nerve racking fluctuations of his street car fortunes, which insured Molly and Bert and himself an entrance into a new life and new opportunities, which made him safe from Sledge, and yet he felt no great exultation.

time, will be debarred a recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate are re-It was a relief to him when Molly had him called to look at her where "You will when you're stung," ad- (she stood at the head of the stairs in her bridal gown, a fresh and glowing vision in her pure, shimmering white. The sight of her gave him a thrill of hopefulness too, the first of the day. "You're a beauty, Molly," he called

up to her. "I declare, I don't see how I have been lucky enough to keep you with me so long as this."

"That's a nice daddy," she gayly assured him.

Estate of Walter S. Bradley late of the town of Bridgeport in said District deceased.

The Court of Probate for the Dis-Bert came in from the conservatory for the glimpse of her which he was triot of Bridgeport, hath limited and allowed six months from the date to be permitted, and naturally he spoiled the picture by starting to dart hereof for Creditors of said Estate to upstairs, an action which had the re- Those who neglect to present their sult of sending not only Molly and exhibit their claims for accounts, properly attested, within Fern, but the admiring maids scurrysaid time, will be debarred a recovery. ing back to the boudoir, the door of All persons indebted to said Estate are which sacred apartment they locked and bolted and would have barred had there been any means to do so. Bert, quite properly defeated, came back down the stairs and joined Marley. "A bridegroom doesn't amount to much anyhow," he conventionally ad-

mitted. "And a husband to less," supplemented Marley. "You'll discover by and by, my boy, that the lords of creation are only lords by proxy."

"You're trying to scare me," protested Bert. "No. only to encourage you," insisted Marley. "The happiest man in the world is one who finds a wife capable

of directing him and generous enough to let him think he is doing it all him-

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